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will not be used for the sewage system at this time, however, the state is requiring the school system to acquire enough land to accommodate additions in the future.

In regards to personnel, the board approved the following action:

Certification
Grant catastrophic leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act to Heather Templin for the purpose of maternity leave. Mrs. Templin is a resource teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.

Support
Accept the resignation of Annissa Tillis, clerical aide at Kinross School, effective Aug. 27, 2004.

Accept the resignation of Kyra Cardwell, secretary/bookkeeper at Zion Chapel, effective Aug. 27, 2004.

Employ Rene Farris as secretary/bookkeeper at New Brockton Elementary School.

Employ Mary Mack as clerical aide at Kinross School.

Employ Shannon Boswell as secretary/bookkeeper at Zion Chapel.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Many thousands of U. S. citizens, from South Florida to Louisiana, are very edgy over the prospects of Hurricane Ivan coming in right on top of them. Some are visiting relatives further North, others are booking motel rooms out of the projected path(s) of the storm while many are hunkering down and hoping for the best from this Category 5 storm. One Florida man who was busy Monday taking whatever safety measures he could think of reportedly said of this latest hurricane, "Frances was ugly but Ivan is mean."

Elba citizens are highly experienced with devastating weather disasters...regrettably it is experience learned the hard way. Therefore it is no surprise to see the methodic way officials and private citizens are going about preparations for the savage storm headed toward this area. While most of the local experience is with flood waters, many of the "get ready" measures are very much alike. Our thoughts now are prayers that when the bad weather has passed, and it will pass, all our folks will be able to shake it off and move forward with life.

After hearing several people reporting failure in efforts to buy an emergency generator within the last five or six days, we posed the same question to a couple of dealers. Of course the answer we got was the same...almost a laugh. One reported a list of unfilled requests exceeding 100! Most area merchants don't stock many of these things, as they are not normal big sellers. Then the chain stores emptied their warehouses and shipped whatever inventory they had to their South Florida stores and haven't gotten in enough replacements to fill the projected demand in this area.

We hope Elba citizens heed the warning of Mayor James Grimes on the water supply. If Elba loses electric power, or has to cut it off due to dangerous wind conditions, the water supply in the storage tanks will decrease rapidly. There will be no additional water until it is safe to turn the electricity back on again. Therefore, please be extra conservative with your use of tap water if the electric power is off.

Coffee County citizens need to also be keenly aware that tornadoes are not unusual side effects of hurricanes. So watch for them as well as the hurricane winds and flash flood waters. As the excited football coach told his defensive players in the waning seconds of a tough fought ball game, "Be ready for everything."

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Sept. 6, 2004, investigated the following incidents: one theft, one domestic dispute, three for theft of property, one driving under the influence, two for harassing communications, one child abuse, one failure to pay, one assault, one unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, one unintended death, one harassment and two for domestic violence.

The following arrests were made: one for driving under the influence, one arrest on warrants and two for domestic violence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for driving with a revoked driver's license, one for improper equipment and three for speeding.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, SEPT. 6 - Disturbance reported at 513 McKinnon St. (3:05 a.m.); River stage - 7.91 feet (7:57 a.m.).

TUESDAY, SEPT. 7 - River stage - 7.58 feet (6:00 a.m.).

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8 - Routine activity.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 9 - Wreck reported at the intersection of Simmons St. and Claxton Ave. (2:39 p.m.).

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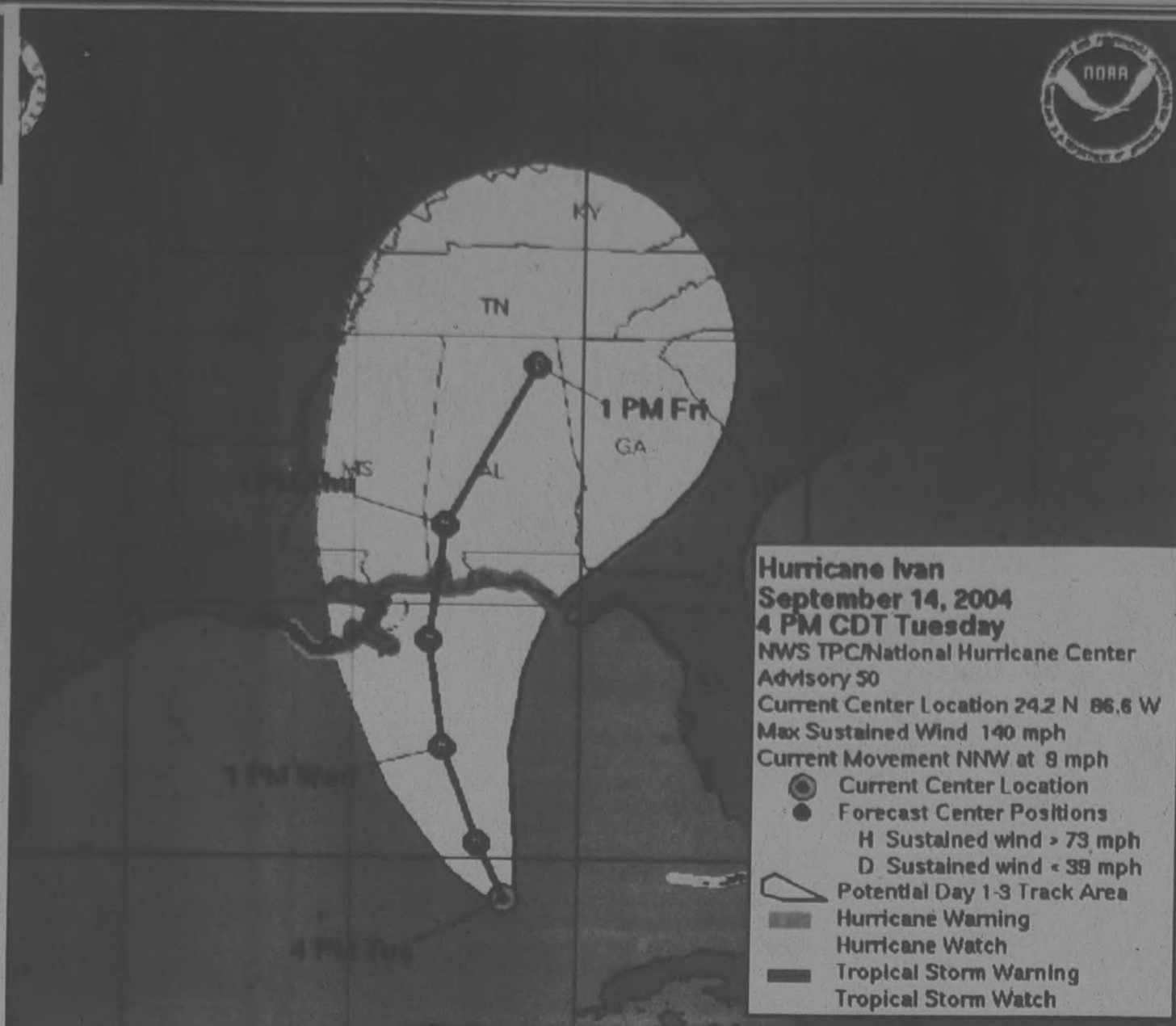
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Coffee County & Surrounding Counties - \$19 per year
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Alabama Counties - \$21 per year - including tax
6 months - \$11
Outside Alabama - \$24 per year - 6 months - \$13



Graphic by the National Weather Service showing projected path of Hurricane Ivan as of 4:00 Tuesday afternoon. The path moved back and forth. East and West throughout the day Tuesday as weather conditions varied. With winds spread out over 100 miles from the eye of the storm, Coffee County residents can expect severe weather, regardless of the exact landfall spot on the map.

CC Arts Alliance postpones event

The Coffee County Arts Alliance event, Korsh Dance Company, scheduled for Thursday, September 16, is postponed until a new date can be arranged. Individual ticket holders may hold tickets until a new date is scheduled. Postponement is due to Hurricane Ivan. For additional information call 334-406-1617.

VA Health Fair canceled at Rucker

The "One VA" Outreach Health Fair, scheduled for Saturday, September 18, 2004 at Layton Army Community Hospital has been cancelled. Postponement is due to Hurricane Ivan. For additional information call 334-406-1617.

Free trees offered for Arbor Day

Ten free tree will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during September 2004. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to TEN TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by September 30, 2004. Or join online at arborday.org.

BULLETIN BOARD

• **ABUSING CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES THROUGH CHRIST** ARMS, addition recovery ministry service. This is a free service. Church: Call 565-3970 or visit the website: www.mohabist.com

• **SOCIAL SECURITY REP** Courtbook: 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30 Call PRE: 1-800-772-1213

• **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday or Noon-First, First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday 6 p.m. City Hall

• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 7 p.m. - City Hall

• **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

• **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** - Every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church enter in side on W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom

• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday, Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

• **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center

• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Supr. Office

• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• **MASONIC LODGE** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School

• **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858

• **HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. 7-10 p.m. Club House

• **COFFEE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon: Colony Inn, Enterprise

• **ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 2nd Thursday at noon, Driscoll Hangar at the Airport

• **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - 1st & 3rd Monday 7 p.m. - Elba High boys basketball

• **NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB** - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Senator Shelby announced more funds for I-10 connector work



U.S. Senator Richard Shelby (R-AL), Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, and General Government, announced today that the Department of Transportation will be releasing \$2,884,215 for the I-10 I-10 in Florida and will greatly improve access and traffic flow throughout Southeastern Alabama.

Subcommittee, Senator Shelby secured these funds in the fiscal year 2004 appropriations process.

Sen. Shelby said, "I am pleased to announce these funds for the I-10 Connector. This project will allow us to connect the Dothan and Wiregrass area with the Connector near Dothan. As Chairman of the

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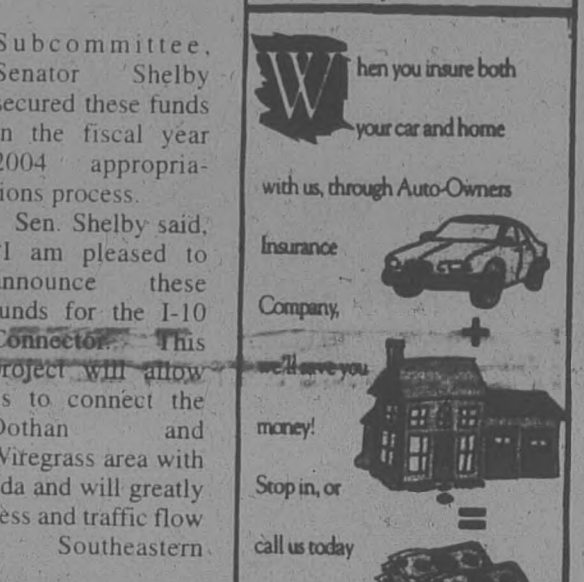
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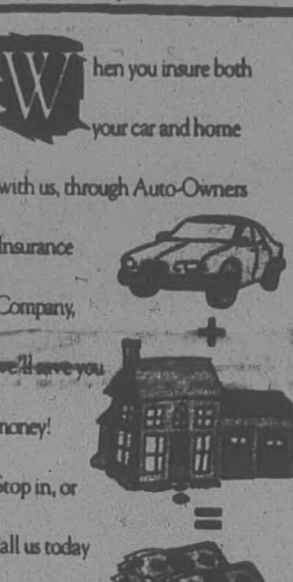
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

As American citizens we talk about our freedom and privilege we have in America under the United States Constitution. What many of us fail to see is that each of us have a duty as an American to prove our self worthy of the freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights.

For every one of my privileges I have a corresponding duty because I have the right to express my opinion orally or in writing, in criticism or in praise, of public issues. Also, to listen and to read, to assemble peacefully with others and to discuss openly such questions as are worthy of serious attention.

It is my duty to study problems and social issues carefully and to listen and read with discrimination before expressing an opinion, to tolerate the views of others as being as worthy of consideration as my own, to make my criticism constructive, to withhold judgment until the evidence is reviewed and to refrain from loose talking which may injure another or jeopardize my countrymen, because I have this right, too.

It is my duty to use my right to vote for whom I choose in election of those who will hold office in our representative form of government. It is my duty to use my right to vote as intelligently as possible and to respect and support public officers in the honest performance of their duty.

Because I have the right to worship according to the dictates of my own conscience, it is my duty to accord this same privilege to others and to respect the sacredness or religious faith.

Because I have the right to petition my government for redress from wrongs, to state a grievance or ask relief from oppression, it is my duty to ask no more for myself than I would give to all others with similar problems and to

remember that personal interest must be subordinate to the public good.

Because I have the right to be tried by a jury of my fellow citizens if I am legally charged with a crime, to be assured that I cannot be punished more than once for the same offense, to refuse to testify against myself to be free under bond except for a capital offense, it is my duty to remember at all times that a person accused is deemed to be innocent until proven guilty, to abstain from passing my own judgment until the court has made its decision and to assist the courts by serving as a witness or on jury when called upon to do so.

Because I have the right to exercise my rights as a citizen under the United States Constitution and the laws of the state to engage in whatever occupation I may lawfully follow, to be free to travel to educate myself and to strive for my own occupational competence and happiness, it is my duty to preserve, protect, and defend the constitution of the U.S. and to obey its law to make myself personally competent to conduct myself at all times as an honorable citizen of a great nation under whose flag mankind has reached its highest state of freedom.

I was born Oct. 28, 1919, and I donated a freedom coat woven by our forefathers with the constitution and the Bill of Rights on Dec. 7, 1941. An attempt was made to strip me of my most precious item of apparel, liberty and freedom. On Sept. 16, 1941, I became one of many GIs who took an oath to die rather than give up that coat. Today, at age 84, I still proudly wear it, never to be outdated. I served in the 121st Infantry and the 8th Infantry Division from 1941-1945. In World War II, I served in the European area and landed on the beach at Utah Beach, in Normandy, France, Belgium.

and Germany on the Elb River where we met the Red Army. As a combat wounded veteran of WWII, I believe in America. I believe it became great because of its faith in God, its hope for independence and its love of freedom. I am grateful for America's glorious past, I am awed by its unbelievable present, and I am confident of its limitless future.

God, has blessed America and I thank him each time I look up and see Old Glory flying in the wind. I am proud to be an American.

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Cemetery working planned at Pleasant Ridge Church

Cemetery Working planned at the Pleasant Ridge Church Cemetery, Sat. Sept. 18, 2004. Everyone is asked to come early to work with and to help clean the cemetery and church yard for homecoming that will be held September 26, 2004. Everyone is asked to bring tools to work with and to come early.

Evangelist Elizabeth Pascuzzi to speak at the morning worship service at the Assembly of God Church

There will be special services at the Assembly of God Church on Sunday September 19th. Evangelist Elizabeth Pascuzzi from Kansas City, Missouri will be ministering in the 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. service.

There will also be a revival service at the church, September

September is "Open House Month" at Ham United Methodist Church

September is "Open House Month" in the United Methodist Church. The Ham Chapel United Methodist Church invites you to come and worship as they celebrate the theme

Holy Grounds, a Christian fellowship is looking for amateur comedians

Holy Grounds is looking for amateur comedians. This is a Christian fellowship. This event will take place September 25th at 7 p.m. at The Potter's House located at 4941 Hwy 27.

Enterprise, Ala. 36330. If you have never done comedy before, this is your chance. There will be a \$100 cash prize. For more information please call (334) 393-1937.

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***THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU: Mary E. Holley, Bessie Mullins, Rev. Charles Lane, Ernest Jack, Alice Blue, Vivian Jack, Cleaven Williams, Lizzie Pearl Tyson

***SEPTEMBER BIRTH-DAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Novella Robinson-September 11, Rena Felton-September 12 (in memory of), Eria & Grover Belcher, Sr. - September 12, Lizzie Tyson - September 13, Linda Hooks-September 13, R.C. Carpenter-September 13, Verlin Whitefield-September 13, Rufus Williams-September 13, L.V. Johnson-September 14, Ollie Peterson-September 16, Kimmie Daniels-September 17 (in memory of)

***100 ANNOINT VOICES Concert will be held Sunday, September 19, 2004 at 7 p.m. at the South East District Singing Convention Building (Brookville Community) Elba.

For more information call Rev. Roderick Rideaux-897-1804 or Danny & Janice Cole-897-6999

***AUXILIARY WEEK TO BE HELD AT Rocky Head Baptist Church beginning Monday Night at 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: J.C. Fryer, Sr. - Pea Creek Missionary Baptist Church & Blue Springs Missionary Baptist Church

Tuesday Night-September 21-Speaker: Sis. Onaether Smedley from Mt. Calvary Baptist Church-Elba

Wednesday Night-September 22-Speaker: Rev. Johnathan Lockett-Harris Temple COGIC-Elba

Thursday Night-September 23-Speaker: Pastor A.C. Johnson-Shiloh Baptist Church-Troy

Friday Night-September 24-No Service Scheduled

Saturday Night - 6:00 Speaker: Sister Cathynette Cross-Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church-Elba

***16TH ANNUAL PASTOR'S ANNIVERSARY FOR REV. & MRS. JONAS ROGERS - at the Golden Baptist Church in Goshen will be held Sunday, September 19, at 2:00 p.m. The guest speaker

Deadline For Church News Is Monday!

4th Annual Gospel Bluegrass Festival planned for Saturday, September 18

The 4th Annual Gospel Bluegrass Festival will be held September 18, 2004 at 4 p.m. This festival will be at Crystal Springs Park in downtown Red Level, Ala. This will feature Crosscut Bluegrass, Jimmy Williams and The Gospel Grass, The Wilkersons Family, Martin Hicks and The Bluegrass Boys.

Inspirational stage play "Alla God's Children Got Shoes" Saturday, October 2

An inspirational gospel stage play called "Alla God's Children Got Shoes..." is about faith, hope, courage, and love. This event will be held Saturday, October 2, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. at the Enterprise High School Auditorium.

Cost members include: Ashley Brown, Whitney Brown, Britney Brown and Majik of Dothan, Ala.; Cedric Reid of

meets at 5:00 p.m. The Youth Program (UMYF) is at 6:30 p.m. On Wednesday night you're invited to come to supper at 5:30 p.m. and Bible Study at 6:15 p.m. Please come and join us on any Sunday or Wednesday and worship service is at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The Children's Choir and Program is at 4:30 p.m. and the Youth Choir

September is "Open House Month" at the Elba United Methodist Church

September is "Open House Month" in the United Methodist Church. The Elba United Methodist Church invites you to come worship as they celebrate the theme of "Open hearts, Open Minds and Open Doors."

Sunday School is at 9:00 a.m. and worship service is at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The Children's Choir and Program is at 4:30 p.m. and the Youth Choir

Shiloh Baptist Church to hold 3rd Saturday Night Singing

Shiloh Baptist Church will hold their 3rd Saturday Night singing group. Everyone is invited to attend.

Men of Faith will be the guest singing group. Everyone is invited to attend.

LBW Community College announces summer semester honor students

LBW Community College President Edward Meadows has announced academic honor students for the 2004 Summer Semester. A total of 47 students were named to the President's List and 63 students were named to the Dean's List. To qualify for these distinctions, students must be enrolled on a full-time basis and post a 3.50-3.99 (B+) grade point average to qualify for the Dean's List, and a 4.0 (A) grade point average to qualify for the President's List. The

Coffee County Schools Menu September 20-24, 2004

BREAKFAST LUNCH

Monday - Bagel, Jelly Squash, Whole Kernel Corn, Ice Cream

Tuesday - Ham & Biscuit, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Wednesday - Donut w/ Glaze, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Thursday - French Toast, Canadian Bacon, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Friday - Sausage Biscuit, Cereal, Juice, Milk

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

Bro. Jerry Long, Pastor

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Evening Service - 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service - 7:00 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Bro. Nathaniel Fleming, Pastor

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Evening Service - 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Bro. Robert Smith, Pastor

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Bro. Robert Smith, Pastor

LIFESTYLES

Ward-Hall wedding held May 22 at Elba Church of Christ



Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Ward

Miss Melissa Anne Hall and Mr. Daniel Windsor Ward were joined in marriage on May 22, 2004, at the Elba Church of Christ in Elba, Ala. The ceremony took place at seven o'clock in the evening with Minister Tim Gunnells officiating. Music was provided by Ms. Judith Tucker, pianist, Mr. Anthony Stewart, soloist, and Miss Beth Ford, cousin of the bride, soloist on French horn. The scripture passage was read by Mr. Grady Williams. A reception immediately followed.

The bride chose her sister, Mrs. Laura Smith of Daleville, to serve as her matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Stacey Helms of Enterprise, sister of the groom, Mrs. Mary Margaret Williams of Auburn, Mrs. Jenny Abbott of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Miss Stephanie Corder of Elba, and Miss Kelly Corder of Elba. Miss Emma Gunnells of Elba was the flower girl.

The groom chose his father, Mr. Jerome Ward, to serve as his best man. Groomsman were Mr. Michael Helms of Enterprise, brother-in-law of the groom, Mr. Justin Maddox of Elba, Mr. Bucky Carlie of Elba, Mr. Jesse Reeves of Enterprise, and Mr. Gavin Martin of Troy. Master Branson Helms of Enterprise, nephew of the groom, was the ring bearer.

Pre-nuptial events included a rehearsal dinner, hosted by the groom's parents, at the Old South Inn in Elba, Ala.; a bridesmaid's luncheon, hosted by Ms. Carolyn Branson, at Mrs. Branson's residence; and a bachelor's brunch, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Perry Wilson, aunt and uncle of the groom, at the Wilson's residence.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Hall of Elba, Ala. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Gilliam of Sparta, TN. Mrs. Opal G. Hall of Dayton, TN, and the late Mr. Melvin G. Hall of Dayton, TN. She received a bachelor of architecture from Auburn University and is now employed in Marietta, GA.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Jerome Ward of Elba, Ala. He is the grandson of Mrs. Sallie C. Bryan of Elba, the late Mr. James E. Bryan of Elba, and the late Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Ward of Elba. He received a bachelor of science in aerospace engineering from Auburn University and is now employed in Marietta, GA.

After honeymooning in Hawaii, the couple now resides in Kennesaw, GA.

Justin Kyle Mitchell celebrates first birthday



Justin Kyle Mitchell

Justin Kyle Mitchell celebrated his first birthday with a "Finding Nemo" party Saturday, August 21 at his home in Elba.

Many friends and family helped Kyle celebrate his big day. Kyle is the son of Sara and Keni Mitchell, grandson of Catherine and Jesse Miller, Pamela Mitchell all of Elba and John Mitchell of Columbiana, Ala.

Classes will meet at the Center for Economic and Workforce Development on Highway 231 North in Dothan from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Instructor for the course is Belkis Mitchell and the cost is \$65.

For additional information or to register call Tami Roper at (334) 556-2203 or 1-800-543-2426 ext. 2203.

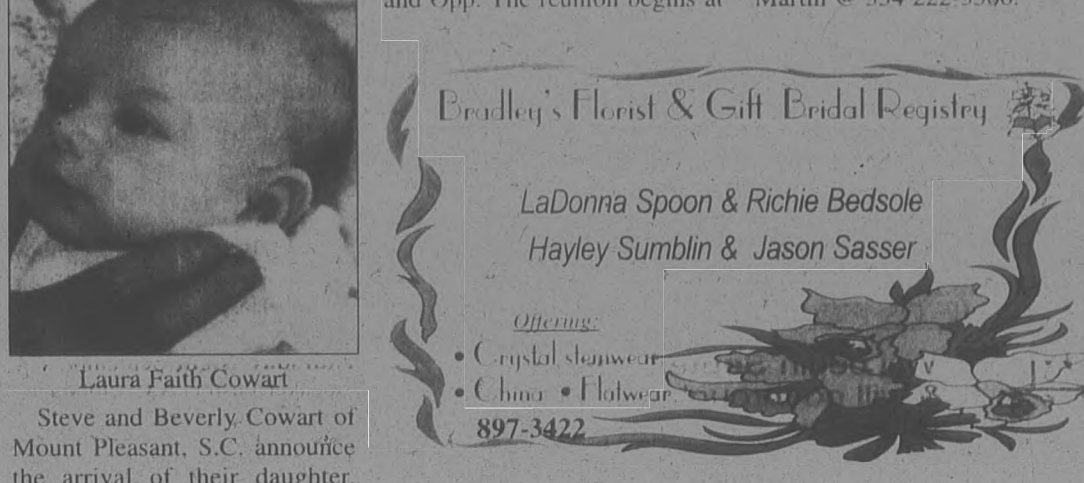
Deadline For Social News Is Monday!



MISS ELBA LYNDSEY LAWFORD (back row, left) joined Miss Coffee County Kerri Tindell and Miss Enterprise Laura Henderson in hosting a get acquainted party Aug. 29 at Boland Lanes in Enterprise. The party was for contestants for the upcoming Miss National Peanut Festival pageant. Pictured are (front row, left to right): Miss Kingston Brittany Holley, Miss Defunak Springs Morgan Parsons, Miss Sneads Rachel Taylor, Miss Hartford Andee Whitaker and Miss Genia County Dee Dee Hudson; (back row, left to right): Lawford, Henderson, Tindell, Miss Jackson County Meghan Holley, Miss Walton County Courtney Miller, Miss Antion Jennifer Himburg and Miss Malone Casey Allford.

Grimes Family Reunion set for Saturday, October 2

Descendants of James Shorter and Malisia Grimes will hold their annual family reunion on Saturday, October 2, 2004, at New Ebenezer (Curtis) Baptist Church, Hwy 141, between Elba and Opp. The reunion begins at 10:00 A.M. and a covered dish lunch will be served at noon at the pavilion behind the church. The family of Clem Grimes will be hosting the reunion this year. Contact person is Lucy Grimes Martin at 334-222-3506.



Laura Faith Cowart

Steve and Beverly Cowart of Mount Pleasant, S.C., announce the arrival of their daughter, Laura Faith, born May 6, 2004. Laura weighed 7 lbs. 12 ozs. and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Mrs. Davis Burns of Enterprise, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wright of Chancellors and Dr. and Mrs. Bill Cowart of Elba.

WCC offers MS Publisher short course

Wallace Community College Center for Economic and Workforce Development will offer a two-night course in MS Publisher on Sept. 28 and 30.

The classes, taught by David Rose, are designed to help participants use Publisher to create brochures and design multi-page documents. Students will learn how to format text using basic tools, create logos, and design tables.

Cost for the course is \$80 if paid by Sept. 15.

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Currently, Drs. Fleming Brooks and Patrick Lett are performing many shoulder surgeries arthroscopically, through small tubes utilizing a digital camera for visualization. New bioabsorbable implants and specialized instruments allow surgery as rotator cuff repairs to be done through the arthroscope as an outpatient with no overnight stays. "I have noticed a huge advance in the quality of instruments and implants used in shoulder surgery in the last three years," states Dr. Brooks. "We are now able to repair many ligament and tendon injuries within the shoulder without disturbing the muscle and fascial layers that contain most of the neural structures that lead to postoperative pain. Consequently patients seem to hurt much less and recover much more rapidly than those formerly treated with traditional open surgery."

Working as a team with their new physician assistant, therapists and athletic trainers, the surgeons are partners in Southern Bone & Joint in Enterprise. Adds Dr. Brooks, "I feel that with the expertise that Dr. Lett brings with him from his training at the Mayo Clinic along with the outstanding facilities and internal medicine staff we have here in Enterprise, we offer a level of care that is rare for a city of this size."

Dr. Brooks and Dr. Lett are currently accepting new patients at the Enterprise office and can be reached at (334)308-9797.

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IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH

Samson, Ala.

Bro. Thurn, Sr. 10:30 a.m.

Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Night Service - 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTSON BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service - 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Nathan Carroll, Pastor

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Elkie Phillips-Copes, Pastor

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.

Tue. Bible Study - 6:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor: Don Graham

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

EAON BAPTIST CHURCH

Bernard Strickland, Pastor

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service - 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Tim Gunnells, Minister

Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship - 10:00 a.m.

Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

Ron Stallard, Pastor

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Ralph Medley Jr., Pastor

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.

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MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION

Bro. Ashley Faust-Pastor

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Evening Service - 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Night Service - 5:00 p.m.

NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.

Bro. Linda Williams, Pastor

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Evening Service - 7:30 p.m.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE

W. K. Ellison, Pastor

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship - 9:00 a.m.

Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday Evening - 7:00 p.m.

Friday Evening - 7:00 p.m.

NEWBRIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Wayne Webber

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Evening Service - 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service - 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Ben McKee, Pastor

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship - 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Ebert Smith, Pastor

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship - 6:00 p.m.

Thurs. Service - 6:00 p.m.

NEW ERENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

Deane Delano - Pastor

SPORTS

Views from...

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Have you ever heard of disappearing socks? We at the Mularz house seem to buy socks by the bushel, but every time I look for socks to wear the only ones that I seem to find either have holes in them or don't have a match. I guess one way to keep the socks from disappearing is to cut holes in them, but then when you do find some they won't match, anyway. Hey, thank goodness I wear tennis shoes to work and unless someone wants to get on their knees to look close, white socks all look the same.

TIGERS REMAIN WINLESS WITH LAST-SECOND LOSS

The Elba Tigers are only two plays away from having two wins, but unfortunately for the Tigers games don't end until the final play is run and the horn sounds. The result is Elba is 0-3 after three weeks of the season and stands 0-2 in region play with only five region opponents left on the schedule. What had appeared to be such a promising season has turned sour very quickly and all of a sudden the Tigers are fighting for their lives!

Elba was a solid favorite last week heading into its region game against winless Houston Academy, and even though the Tiger defense had been pushed around in both losses, the Raiders had scored only 18 points in two games and the match-up seemed to be just what the doctor ordered. Wrong prescription! Houston Academy lit up the scoreboard for 48 points and rolled up 475 yards in total offense as the Raiders stunned the Elba players, coaches and fans and left town with a huge region win.

The Elba offense was practically unstoppable in the first half and scored 34 points in just two quarters while piling up over 250 yards in total offense. Kikko Logan ran over and around the Raider defense for 130 yards and 3 touchdowns, while Brandon Kelly added a 68-yard scoring run and Hunter McGuire returned a kick off 99 yards and 10 inches for another score. The offense bogged down in the second half, however, and went almost 24 minutes without a score, and needed a last-minute drive and a Hail Mary pass to regain the lead. I know the Elba offense is averaging almost 32 points a game, but the offense scored only once in the second half against both Brantley and Houston Academy, and scored only once in the first half against Cottonwood. No one expects the offense to score every time it touches the ball, but consistency would at least keep the clock running and limit the number of possessions by the opponents.

The Elba defense surrendered 48 points and almost 500 yards in total offense to a team that had scored only 18 points in two previous games, and once again could not come up with the big play when it needed to make a key stop. While it is true Houston Academy scored 10 points after interceptions, the Elba defense repeatedly allowed the Raider running backs to get outside untouched and the result was yet another melt down on the defensive side of the ball. The Elba defense has allowed over 43 points a game through three games, which is disappointing to the players, coaches and fans, and has led to three straight losses to open the season.

So, What do the Tigers need to do? I just watch the games and write sports, but one thing that jumps out to me is the fact that this year's Elba Tigers are actually two teams in one, one that plays offense and one that plays defense. The offense clearly has the best athletes on the team, but barely even watches the game when it is not on the field, then jumps up and pulls on its helmets to get back on the field. The defense struggles partly because of its youth and inexperience, and in my mind the time has come for the Tigers to put their best players on the field on both offense and defense, and rest them with the younger players. Elba has almost totally platooned in its opening three games, while the three teams that beat Elba has most of its players going both ways. Hey, the offense has caught on to its system, now it is time for some of those athletes that play only offense to join the team and help out on defense. Until all the players work together the losses could mount and the season could turn into a disaster.

ONLY A "SO-SO" NIGHT FOR FOOTBALL TEAMS IN AREA

The third week of the high school football season is now in the books and for the teams in the area it was just a so-so night as two teams won and the other two lost. Here's a look back at the week that was.

*** **BRANTLEY (3-0)** - The Bulldogs made it look easy with a 40-6 romp over Zion Chapel and it is clear that the Bulldogs are without a doubt the cream of the crop in 1A circles in South Alabama. Brantley has scored in the forties in every game without breaking a sweat and has now begun to dominate on defense. Brantley still has some tough games ahead. However, from this corner it looks like the "Dogs are going to runble.

*** **KINSTON (0-3)** - The Bulldogs had a chance to get into the win column last week against Pleasant Home, but failed to cash in on a couple of scoring threats and fell to 0-3 with a 21-7 loss to the Eagles. Kinston has improved in each and every game and plays hard for all four quarters, but simply needs something good to happen to let the players know they can win and that their hard work will pay off. The "Dogs may be 0-3, but they aren't losers by any stretch of the imagination.

*** **NEW BROCKTON (2-1)** - The Gamecocks went back to the basics last week in a 12-3 region win over Wicksburg and it sounded like days of old as the Gamecocks pounded the Panthers on almost every snap. New Brockton still wins football games by being more physical than its opponents, and last week should make it clear that the Gamecocks are still very much alive and will always be more than ready to butt heads with any team that it lines up against.

*** **ZION CHAPEL (0-3)** - The Rebels lost to Brantley 40-6, but the scoreboard doesn't tell the whole story as the Rebels showed signs of life on offense and rolled up over 250 yards against the powerful Bulldog defense. Some changes in personnel appeared to work well a week ago, and with a little more practice the Rebels might actually turn into a team to watch in the region. Don't count these guys out quite yet.

WEEK #3 OF PREPARATION PROVES VERY INTERESTING

The third week of the high school football season is now in the history books and while many teams won as expected, there were a few surprises that made the week very interesting. Here's a look back...

*** **CLASS 1A** - Florida saw its run through the region end with a 21-15 loss at Atona, and all of the sudden it looks like maybe the Wildcats aren't quite as powerful as advertised. In other action Sweet Water pounded Sunshine 61-16 and J.F. Shields claimed a rare win by getting past Marengo 27-20.

*** **CLASS 2A** - G.W. Long remained undefeated and almost unchallenged by rolling past Lanett 34-6, and after three weeks it looks like the Rebels may be the surprise team in South Alabama. In other action Luverne flexed its muscles in a 32-13 win over Highland Home. Red Level fell from the ranks of the unbeaten with a 17-6 road loss to Leroy and Houston County kept on winning with a 28-6 win over Samson.

*** **CLASS 3A** - T.R. Miller moved to 3-0 with a less than exciting 21-0 win over Dale County, and just like always it looks like the

Tigers are taking it slow and easy as they make plans to be playing for many weeks to come. In other action W.S. Neal continued its struggles with an 18-14 to region newcomer Slocomb. Straughn made quick work of Abbeville 42-6 and Pike County got its second straight win by spanking Headland 34-0.

*** **CLASS 4A** - Andalusia moved to 2-0 in the region with a 15-14 win over Escambia County and after three weeks it looks like the Bulldogs may be as good as many thought before the season kicked off. In other action defending state champ Trinity clobbered Bullock County 60-6. Opp bounced back from its loss to Geneva with a big 42-0 win over #10 Daleville and Geneva moved to 3-0 with an easy 49-0 romp past Rehobeth.

*** **CLASS 5A** - Carroll, of Ozark, remained winless on the young season after absorbing a 30-7 defeat at the hands of B.T. Washington, and it looks like the Eagles may be headed back in the wrong direction after a few solid seasons. In other action Eufrasia posted a hard fought 3-0 region win over Greenville. Charles Henderson had its hands full before pulling out a 17-12 win over Weumpla and Hueytown almost broke the clock in rolling past Brookwood 70-14.

*** **CLASS 6A** - The football world up in Montgomery officially changed Friday night after Carver ripped Robert E. Lee 26-7 and Lanier stunned Jeff Davis 25-14. What a difference a few years and a few private schools can make. In other action Enterprise dumped Northview 28-7. Dothan fell to 1-2 with a 15-7 loss to Opelika and Prattville kept on winning with an easy 44-6 romp past Selma.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** I watched Troy's big win over Missouri last week and have to agree that the Trojans are now a mid-major power. The Trojans have always been able to line up and be physical with just about any of their opponents, and last week they showed that they also have the coaching staff in place that can make changes on the run that can turn games around. The win could make it harder for Troy to get the so-called "big teams" to come to South Alabama, but it was one for the books and one that should have plenty of company before long. Look for even more big wins this season!

*** The only negative in the game last week up in Troy was the Trojans wearing their jerseys outside their pants. Many of the Trojans had their jerseys out even before the game began, and with so many youngsters watching and wanting to be like their heroes, I am afraid it will filter its way down the youth leagues. In high school it is a rule jerseys must be tucked in, and that rule wouldn't hurt in the college ranks, either.

*** The other two big games in college across the state had easy weeks as Auburn made it look easy with a 43-14 pasting of Mississippi State and Alabama used a solid defense to dump Ole Miss 28-7. Both teams looked very good at times in the wins and looked kind of average at other times, but both moved to 2-0 on the season and kept their fans happy.

*** Former Auburn All-American and current NBA star Wesley Person had his basketball jersey #11 retired last week at Brantley High School. The former Bulldog great was a three-time All-State selection while at Brantley and scored 2,267 points and pulled down 1,716 rebounds during his high school career as he helped lead the Bulldogs to a 68-7 record and a 28-0 record at home. By the way, the only other player to have his jersey retired at Brantley is his brother, Chuck.

*** In closing... I have heard that plans are being made to honor former Elba Tiger head coach Mack Wood at the homecoming game on October 9 and anyone that would like to help or take part should contact Fred Smith Jr., as soon as possible. Coach Wood led the Tigers to two state titles and made the Tigers one of the state's top football programs, regardless of classification, and is very deserving of the honor. Join the fun and contact Fred today.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PLODS ALONG WITH PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by early Sunday morning and declared that after three weeks things were beginning to settle down in the high school ranks. The local guesspest hit on 23 of his 28 picks last week and did come through on such toss-ups as New Brockton over Wicksburg, Leroy over Red Level and Andalusia over Escambia County. The week's work moved his three-week totals to 60-18, which ain't a bad start. Here are this week's picks...

Friday night against Geneva County

Elba Tigers face "must win" region battle

The Elba Tigers will hit the road Friday night when they travel to Hartford to battle the Geneva County Bulldogs in a "must win" for the Tigers if they hope to keep their state playoff hopes alive.

The Tigers will enter the region contest with an 0-3 record, 0-2 in region play, while the Bulldogs will bring a 1-2 record into the game, 1-1 in region action.

"There is no doubt this is a very big game for us for a number of reasons," stated Elba's Scott Rials. "First off we need to get a win after opening the season with three tough losses, second we need a win to give our players a shot of confidence with some really big games ahead and third we need to win to get a win in the region and keep our playoff hopes alive. There is no doubt this is a very big game for us and it's a game we need to win!"

Geneva County, coached by Toby Greene, will bring a 1-2 record into Friday night's region match-up. The Bulldogs win came over Houston Academy 25-16, while their losses came to Slocomb 31-7 and Cottonwood 51-0.

"I am tired of losing and sick of losing," said Coach Greene in a preseason interview. "It is nothing to be proud of and we have to get the kids out and win games. We have to learn how to compete and learn how to win. We are not going to lower the bar. We want to get into the playoffs and that is what we play for."

Only a hand full of seniors dot the Bulldogs' roster this season, but leading the way is Wes Windham, a 6-3, 260 pound offensive and defensive lineman that has the skills to dominate play on both sides of the ball. Senior wide-receiver Larry Sullen and senior linebacker Richard Valdez will help Windham provide leadership for the youthful "Dogs, while helping spark the offense will be running backs David Grooms and freshman Brian Sullivan.

Elba was the preseason pick to win the region and compete for a state title. However, the Tigers have struggled early in the season and will bring an 0-3 mark into the contest with the Bulldogs.

"Geneva County has played three very good teams and its record is not an indication of what kind of team it really has," said Coach Rials. "Their losses were to Slocomb and Cottonwood, both of which are undefeated, while they beat Houston Academy and held them to only sixteen points. That should let the Elba fans know how good a team Geneva County really is."

"Geneva County likes to spread the field on offense and play hard nosed football on defense," added Rials. "On offense they will spread out the defense and try to take the holes in their running backs and if we take care of business we can still make the playoffs and have some fun later in the season."

ELBA AT GENEVA COUNTY.

The Pea River felines saw the clock strike midnight a little too soon last week in a wild loss to the Raiders from over in Houston County, and if my arithmetic is right they will be underdogs again this week since the "Dogs from down in Geneva County beat the Raiders by 9 points and the Raiders beat the felines by six. Aw shucks, I never was too good at adding and subtracting anyway.

ELBA 32 GENEVA COUNTY 22

NEW BROCKTON AT SAMSON

The Gamecocks went toe-to-toe with a mess of Panthers last week and didn't lose a feather as they evened their region record. This week the Gamecocks will fly down to Samson to tangle with some mighty dangerous Tigers, and it will take their another near flawless performance to avoid being a late night snack.

NEW BROCKTON 20 SAMSON 16

FLORALA AT KINSTON

The Bulldogs from down near the county line let another one slip away last week and now must get ready for a cat fight against a batch of felines from down near the Florida line. The Kinston canines will get a win before the season winds down, but this week the 'Cats may be in a bad mood and that won't bode well for the Dogs.

FLORALA 27 KINSTON 7

MCKENZIE AT ZION CHAPEL

The Rebels from up in Jack marched back home last week after a battle near the Crenshaw County line and even though they were forced to retreat, they did come home in pretty good shape and appear ready to head back into action this week to defend their home turf against some felines from over in McKenzie. This should be a battle until the ammunition runs out.

MCKENZIE 22 ZION CHAPEL 20

BRANTLEY AT ARITON

The top spot in the region will be on the line Friday night when the River "Dogs from over in Crenshaw County head to Arton to chase down the undefeated Purple Cats. The "Dogs have more than enough weapons to score from anywhere on the field at any time, and they will need most of them this week to slow down the 'Cats.

BRANTLEY 34 ARITON 14

OTHER PICKS:

Pleasant Home 18 Goshen 16

Red Level 28 Bayside 10

Cottonwood 39 Houston Academy 17

Leroy 27 Flomaton 0

Washington County 36 Georgiana 12

Highland Home 37 B.B. Comer 22

Houston County 34 Wicksburg 6

G.W. Long 20 Beulah 12

Luverne 41 Horseshoe Bend 12

T.R. Miller 45 Abbeville 0

Barbour County 32 Calhoun 30

Clarke County 29 Central 8

Straughn 21 Dale County 0

W.S. Neal 27 Headland 16

Slocomb 20 Pike County 18

UMS-Wright 57 Andalusia 21

Ashford 21 Rehobeth 14

Thomsville 45 Choctaw County 12

Trinity 31 Daleville 3

Geneva 27 Saint James 17

Opp 33 Bullock County 6

Carroll 20 Russell County 19

Eufrasia 17 B.T. Washington 16

Charles Henderson 14 Greenville 0

Blount 30 Monroe County 0

Stanhope Elmore 28 Wetumpka 8

Carver 28 Selma 13

Dothan 21 Smiths Station 14

Enterprise 17 Central 7

Lanier 29 R.E. Lee 28

Opelika 28 Northview 3

SPORTS



Elba Tiger quarterback Brandon Kelley (10) heads down the sidelines on a 68-yard touchdown run in last week's region battle against Houston Academy. This week the Tigers will travel to Hartford to meet the Geneva County Bulldogs.



Elba Tiger linebacker Guy Anderson (85) drags down a Houston Academy running back. The Tigers saw their record slip to 0-3 last week with a 48-42 loss to the Raiders in Elba.



Elba Tiger running back Kikko Logan (2) looks for room to run in last week's region clash with Houston Academy. Logan gained 200 yards on 22 carries and scored 3 touchdowns and one two-point conversion in the wild 48-42 loss.

Tigers are outscored 48-42 in wild offensive shoot-out

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by Mike Cupps

The Elba Tigers remained winless on the season Friday night after being outscored 48-42 by the Houston Academy Raiders, in a key Class 2A, Region 2 clash, at Elba's Tiger Stadium.

Houston Academy received



Elba Tiger defensive tackle Ryan McCollough (79) closes in on the Houston Academy quarterback as he applies a pass rush in last week's region battle.



Elba Tiger linebacker Ryan Gibbs (42) and Jessie Thigpen (59) arrive to help as a teammate makes a stop in last week's clash with Houston Academy.

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19	1st Downs	20
26-281	Rushes-Yds.	32-358
464	Passing Yds.	117
465	Total Offense	475
11-25-3	Passes	8-18-2
2/0	Fumbles/Lost	3/1
3-41	Punts-Ave.	2-36
10-98	Penalties-Yds.	9-65

the opening kick off and promptly marched 76 yards, seven plays to get on the score board. Freshman quarterback Watson Downs connected on two passes for 25 yards during the scoring drive, while Stanley Jones scored the touchdown on a 32-yard dash. Alex Burkett kicked the extra-point and with 5:38 left in the first quarter the

Raiders were on top 7-0. Elba's Hunter McGuire returned the ensuing kick off 24 yards to set the Tigers up on their own 30-yardline, and from there it took Elba seven plays to cover the 70 yards into the endzone. Brandon Kelley hit both his passes for 18 yards during the drive, while Kikko Logan added 52 yards on five carries and scored the Tiger touchdown on a 16-yard scamper. The extra-point was wide, and with 5:52 remaining in the opening quarter Elba still trailed 7-6.

Elba began its next possession at the Houston Academy 47 yardline after an unsuccessful fourth down gamble by the Raiders, and this time the Tigers needed only four plays to move into the endzone. Kikko Logan was again the work horse of the drive with 35 yards on two carries, and it was Logan that scored the touchdown on a 16-yard dash. Brandon Kelley moved to a first down at the Elba 12-yardline behind the running of Stanley Jones and Tyler Peters and the passing of Watson Downs, but the drive was a 11-yard pass from Watson Downs to Michael Saliba on fourth down and ten at the Elba 42-yardline, while the touchdown came on a 6-yard run by Stanley Jones. Burkett booted the extra-point and with 11:43 remaining in the second quarter the region rivals were tied at 14-14.

The Elba lead didn't last for long, however, as Houston Academy took the ensuing kick off and marched 57 yards in ten plays to pull even. A key play in the drive was an 11-yard pass from Watson Downs to Michael Saliba on fourth down and ten at the Elba 42-yardline, while the touchdown came on a 6-yard run by Stanley Jones. Burkett booted the extra-point and with 11:43 remaining in the second quarter the region rivals were tied at 14-14.

Elba began its next series at its own 32-yardline after a 28-yard kick off return by Hunter McGuire, and this time it took the Tigers only two plays to reach paydirt as Brandon Kelley kept on an option and raced down the sidelines 68 yards for a touchdown. Stefaun Burks kicked the extra-point and with 11:12 left in the second quarter Elba was back on top 21-14.

Houston Academy was down, but not for long, as the Raiders took the ensuing kick off and drove 60 yards in only three plays to catch the Tigers. A 15-yard penalty against the Tigers for a late hit was a key play in the scoring drive, while it was Stanley Jones that got the Raiders back in the endzone when he scored his third touchdown of the half on a 34-yard gallop through the Elba defense. Alex Burkett added the extra-point and with 9:35 left in the half Houston Academy had caught the Tigers at 21-21.

The teams swapped pass interceptions on their next possessions, with Elba winding up with the ball at its own 39-yardline following an interception and 18-19 return by Marquize Tyson. A 23-yard pass from Brandon Kelley to Mason Guiley on third down and eight

was a key play in the scoring drive, while Kikko Logan scored his third touchdown of the half on a 36-yard run to put the Tigers back on top. Stefaun Burks booted the extra-point and with 7:31 remaining in the second quarter Elba was back on top 28-21.

Neither team found its way into the endzone on its next possession, but the Raiders began a series at midfield with 4:52 remaining on the clock and did salvage three points out of the possession. Houston Academy moved to a first down at the Elba 12-yardline behind the running of Stanley Jones and Tyler Peters and the passing of Watson Downs, but the Raiders had to settle for three points as on fourth down Alex Burkett came in and booted a 22-yard field-goal as the Raiders pulled within 28-24 with 1:30 remaining in the half.

Elba didn't take long to answer the Houston Academy score as on the ensuing kick off the Tigers' Hunter McGuire fielded the kick just inches from the goal line and set sails up the field 99 yards for a touchdown. McGuire had one man to beat at the Raider 30-yardline, but dodged the would be tackler and raced into the endzone for the touchdown. The extra-point try was wide, and with 1:14 remaining in the wild second quarter the Tigers owned a 34-24 advantage.

Elba's Adam Spicer recovered a Raider fumble at the Houston Academy 44-yardline with :59 left on the clock and the Tigers had thoughts of adding a late touchdown. The thoughts didn't last long, however, as on second down the Raiders' Tyler Peters intercepted an Elba pass and returned the interception 46 yards to the Elba 21-yardline. After a running

play resulted in a two yard loss, Houston Academy's Alex Burkett hurried onto the field while a 22-yard pass from Kelly to LaRay Williams moved the Raiders across midfield to the Raider 40-yardline. Kelly booted a high pass deep down the sidelines on the first down play, and Mason Guiley pulled in the pass and trotted into the endzone for a 40-yard touchdown with only 19 remaining in the game. Elba called a time-out to attempt a two-point conversion and on the play Kikko Logan pulled away from a would be tackler behind the line of scrimmage and fought his way into the endzone to put the Tigers on top 42-24.

The celebration on the Elba side of the field didn't last too long, however, as the Raiders put the ball in play at their own 35-yardline after the kick off sailed out of bounds, and stunned the Tigers by scoring in only two plays. An 11-yard pass from Watson Downs to Andrew Brooks moved Houston Academy to the 46, while on the next play Downs rolled out to avoid the Elba rush and tossed a strike to a streaking Andrew Dove for a 54-yard touchdown pass. Burkett tackled on the extra-point and with 4:02 left it was all over as Houston Academy claimed the wild 48-42 region win.

Kikko Logan gained 200 yards on 22 carries and scored 3 touchdowns to lead Elba on the ground, while Brandon Kelley connected on 11 of 23 passes for 184 yards and one touch-down, but was intercepted 3 times, with Mason Guiley being his favorite target with 4 catches for 97 yards and 1 score.

Houston Academy was led by Stanley Jones with 233 yards on 22 carries and 4 touchdowns.

SPORTS



Members of the Zion Chapel Marching Rebel Band had reason to cheer Friday night as the Rebels rolled up over 250 yards in total offense against the Brantley Bulldogs. The Rebels will host McKenzie Friday night in a region clash.



Even the Brantley Bulldog himself got into the act Friday night as Brantley rolled past Zion Chapel 40-6 to improve its record to 3-0 on the season. The Bulldogs will travel to Arton Friday night for a region battle against undefeated Arton.

Improve record to 3-0

Brantley Bulldogs coast past Zion Chapel 40-6

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson

The Brantley Bulldogs and Zion Chapel Rebels did battle Friday night in Brantley and the Bulldogs used a big play offense and a stingy defense to claim an impressive 40-6 win.

Chris Booker claimed the first points of the night on the game's first play when he took the pitch on an option and raced 50 yards down the right sidelines for a touchdown. The extra-point failed, but with only 19 seconds gone in the game the Bulldogs were already on top 6-0.

The Bulldogs next possession was a 37-yard scoring drive that took only three plays. Devaris Skanes scored the touchdown on an 8-yard scamper up the middle, and although the extra-point try again failed, Brantley's lead stood at 12-0 with 7:34 still remaining in the first quarter.

Austin Smith made a fine 11-yard run on the Rebels' next possession to pump life into the Zion Chapel offense, but the excitement was short-lived as on the next play Brantley's Jeffery Daniels intercepted a Rebel pass to stop the short drive.

Brantley began its ensuing possession at the Zion Chapel 43-yardline and once again it took the Bulldogs only three plays to reach paydirt. Devaris Skanes took a hand off and galloped 43 yards for the touchdown, and Marcus Owens drilled the extra-point as Brantley's lead went to 19-0 with 5:28 left in the first quarter.

The Rebels took the ensuing kick off and behind the hard running of Hunter Wise put together a 10-play drive that crossed the midfield stripe. The drive stalled after moving into Brantley territory, however, and the Rebels regained possession at their own 20-yardline following a Zion Chapel punt.

The Zion Chapel Rebels will be looking to get into the win column this week when they host the McKenzie Tigers at Green Memorial Stadium. The Rebels will bring an 0-3 record into the region clash, but showed signs of improvement last week in rolling up over 250 yards in total offense against the Panthers. Samson will enter the game with a 1-2 record after a season opening win over Georgiana 15-12 and back-to-back losses to Wicksburg 33-20 and Houston County 28-6. The Tigers have a new coach, a new attitude, and will be looking to get back in the win column Friday night against the Gamecocks. This should be another physical battle in which New Brockton will be slightly favored.

AREA FOOTBALL PREVIEW

The high school football season will enter its fourth week of action Friday night with another round of region contests, and for teams in the area this week's games include what appear to be a number of hotly-contested battles.

Following is a preview of this week's games:

NEW BROCKTON (2-1) AT SAMSON (1-2)

The New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to improve to 2-1 in region play Friday night when they travel to Samson to tangle with the Samson Tigers. The Gamecocks claimed an important region win over Wicksburg last week, and returned to the basics on both offense and defense to dominate the Panthers. Samson will enter the game with a 1-2 record after a season opening win over Georgiana 15-12 and back-to-back losses to Wicksburg 33-20 and Houston County 28-6. The Tigers have a new coach, a new attitude, and will be looking to get back in the win column Friday night against the Gamecocks. This should be another physical battle in which New Brockton will be slightly favored.

MCKENZIE (1-2) AT ZION CHAPEL (0-3)

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FLORALA (2-1) AT KINSTON (0-3)

The Kinston Bulldogs will be hoping to get into the win column this week and keep its playoff hopes alive when they host the Florala Wildcats. The Bulldogs have played well at times in all three games and could easily stand at 2-1 for the season, but mistakes have proven fatal to the "Dogs and this week it will take a near perfect performance for Kinston to have a chance at pulling off the upset. Florala will bring a 2-1 record into the Friday night battle and has posted wins over J.U. Blacksher 26-0 and Zion Chapel 47-0, while losing last week to region rival Arton 21-15. The Wildcats are one of the teams to beat in the region, and need to win this week on the road to regain their momentum after last week's home loss. Florala will be a heavy favorite to win this region game.

BRANTLEY (3-0) AT ARITON (3-0)

The top spot in the Class 1A, Region 2 standings will be up for grabs Friday night when the undefeated Brantley Bulldogs travel over to Arton to tangle with the undefeated Arton Purple Cats. The Bulldogs have made it look easy in rolling to a 3-0 record and have two of the state's top backs in Devaris Skanes and Chris Booker, while over on defense the "Dogs have given up some yardage each and every week, but have never backed down from a challenge. The Purple Cats of Coach Julius Head moved to 3-0 last week with a 21-15 win over previously unbeaten Florala and will be looking to add the Bulldogs to their list of victims Friday night. Arton has also posted wins over Wicksburg 19-12 and Kinston 30-6, and will be all but clinch the region title with a win this week. Brantley will be a slight favorite in this key region contest.

On the second play of the possession, Brantley's Chris Booker went 75 yards for an apparent touchdown, but a penalty flag for an illegal block brought the long run back and nullified the score. The penalty only delayed the next Brantley touchdown, however, as six plays later Devaris Skanes took an inside handoff and went 20 yards for a score. Marcus Owens booted the extra-point and with 8:08 left in the second quarter the Bulldogs' lead was up to 26-0.

Zion Chapel put the ball in play at the 20-yardline to begin its next possession and Hunter Wise quickly changed the Rebels' field-position as he gained 11, 7 and 37 yards on the next three snaps. Three hard runs up the middle by Charlie Hurd got the Rebels to the Brantley 10-yardline, but on third down and five Zion Chapel saw the potential scoring drive come to an abrupt end when a fumble was scooped up by Brantley's Devaris Skanes and the speedy Bulldog defender raced untouched 95 yards for a touchdown. The Rebels' lead was up to 33-0.

Chris Booker recovered a Zion Chapel fumble at the Rebel 36-yardline early in the third quarter, and on the very next play the Bulldogs' Edgar Walker hit Antwan Foster for 24 yards to move the "Dogs to the Zion Chapel 12-yardline. Walker connected with Zack Kilcrease on a 12-yard fade route on the next play, and after Owens drilled the extra-point the Bulldogs owned a 40-0 advantage with only 43 seconds gone in the second half.

After a Zion Chapel punt and a Brantley fumble, the Rebels began their next possession at their own 30-yardline. Zion Chapel used 16 plays to cover the 70 yards into the endzone, led by Austin Smith to Abe Childs. However, the drive ended at the Brantley 28-yardline with less than a minute left on the clock, and at the final horn the Bulldogs had the win 40-6.

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Dove hunters reminded of legal requirements for fields

With dove hunting season upon us, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources reminds hunters that fields must meet certain guidelines to be considered legal for hunting.

The South Zone split season is October 9 through November 6; November 24 through November 28, and December 11 through January 15. Except for opening day when hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset in both zones.

The following information should clarify any issues concerning dove fields, and help avoid problems which may result from improperly prepared fields.

Hunting over harvested or manipulated standing crops is a legal method of hunting doves. In fact, hunting over harvested or manipulated standing crops may provide excellent dove hunting over a longer period of time than is provided by a small grain planting. Doves are attracted to areas that have abundant seed or grains. Standing crops such as brown-top millet, dove proso millet and,

peredovik sunflower are highly preferred foods and may be manipulated by mowing, raking, disking, or burning.

It is legal to hunt over normal agricultural planting. Top sowing of wheat is a recommended planting practice for establishing a cover crop in low-input management systems. This planting practice requires a well-prepared seedbed. A well prepared seedbed involves adequate tilling of the soil so that when the seeds are planted there will be good soil-to-seed contact and the soil is not excessively hard (i.e., it can easily be penetrated by the developing root of the germinating small grain seed). Growers should be aware that the risk associated with this planting practice is that establishing a good stand is more uncertain than with drilling or other methods that result in coverage of seed.

The planting zones for the State of Alabama are as follows: South Zone Counties - Baldwin, Barbour, Butler, Choctaw, Clarke, Coffee, Conecuh, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Escambia, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Marengo, Mobile, Monroe, Pike, Washington,

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For further information or clarification of the regulation, visit the Department's Web site at www.outdooralabama.com or call the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries district office in your area to request a copy of the brochure "Management and Hunting of Mourning Doves in Alabama."

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Gamecocks flatten Panthers 12-3

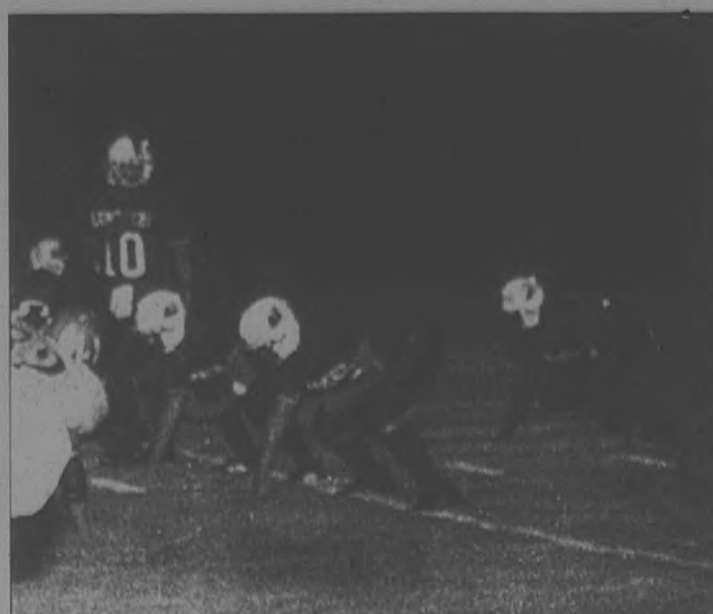
Story and photos by Robby Kinsaul

The New Brockton Gamecocks improved their record to 2-1 on the season and earned their first region win Friday night at Gamecock Stadium following a 12-3 victory over the Wicksburg Panthers.

The Gamecock defense was impressive throughout the game as it allowed the Panthers only 26 yards rushing and 49 yards in total offense. Tanner Medley led the way both on offense and defense as he recorded 77 yards rushing on 11 carries with 2 touchdowns and added 11 tackles on defense, including 6 solo stops. Wesley McCormick added 6 tackles, with two coming on quarterback sacks.

The first quarter began with neither team being able to move the football, but the Panthers did get the ball in excellent field position late in the quarter following a New Brockton punt and moved in to score their only points of the night. The score came on a 27-yard field goal and with :33 remaining in the first quarter putting Wicksburg on top 3-0.

The defenses regained command and ruled the action until late in the half, when the Gamecocks began a march toward the Panther endzone. The Gamecocks faced a third down and four at the Wicksburg 17-yardline, and on the key third down play Tanner Medley got the call and responded as he carried three Panther defenders across the goal line for a New Brockton touchdown. A penalty



HERE WE COME... New Brockton quarterback Derrick Cook (10) barks out signals to the Gamecock offense in last week's 12-3 win over Wicksburg.

helped doom the extra-point try, but the Gamecocks were on the scoreboard and went in at the half with a 6-3 lead.

New Brockton began the second half with a bang when Adam Crosby recovered an on-sides kick, but the Gamecocks failed to move the chains and were forced to punt.

The Gamecocks put the ball in play with excellent field-position after a shanked Panther punt and New Brockton cashed in on the scoring opportunity when Tanner Medley scored from a yard out. A penalty again resulted in an unsuccessful two-point conversion, but with 1:42 remaining in the third quarter the Gamecocks were in command with a 12-3 lead.

STATISTICS

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8-60	4-31

ELBA TIGER VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, SEPT. 16
Samson at Elba 4:00 (JV-V)

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20
Zion Chapel at Elba 4:00 (JR-JV-V)

MONDAY, SEPT. 20
Dauphin Jr. at Elba 4:00 (9th)

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A New Brockton Gamecock running back bursts through a big hole in the Wicksburg Panther defense in Friday night's 12-3 region win. The Gamecocks will be looking to go 2-1 in the region this week when they travel to Samson to meet the Samson Tigers.



Kinston Bulldog cheerleaders and fans line the field prior to the kickoff to create a spirit line. The Bulldogs will be looking to get in the win column this week when they host the Florala Wildcats in an important region contest.

Kinston Bulldogs caged by Eagles 21-7

By Scott Johnson
Photos by Mary Johnson

Kinston hosted the Eagles from Pleasant Home Friday night in a hard fought contest from start to finish and although the Bulldogs trailed from the opening drive they never gave up and had a chance for victory until the Eagles scored out of reach in the final minute of the game to claim the 21-7 win.

After the opening kick off angled out of bounds the Eagles used 10 plays to cover the 65 yards to the endzone. David Hanby rushed four times for 26 yards and Isaac Edgar hauled in an 18-yard pass to cover most of the yardage, while quarterback Brad Sanders scored the touchdown from two yards out around the left end. Casey Boyington kicked the extra-point and Pleasant Home was on top early 7-0.

Kinston's defense was much better the second time around, and after a short run and an incomplete pass Pleasant Home faced a third down and eight. Matt Parker tackled David Hanby at the line of scrimmage on the key third down play, and the Eagles were forced to punt from deep in their own endzone.

Keith Tew was hit hard on the courageous punt return, but the Bulldogs were back in business in Eagle territory. Garrett Parker hit Cole Meeks in the flats and a strong run after the catch moved Kinston inside the 20-yardline. An errant snap, a sack and a penalty backed the Bulldogs up; however, while a Keith Tew pass to Josh Grice gained nine yards on third down, a fourth down pass missed its target as the Bulldogs failed to cash in on the scoring opportunity.

The Bulldog defense again refused to allow the Eagles to move the chains, with a key play being a third down sack by Cole Meeks, and the Bulldogs were once again in excellent field position after a punt return by Keith Tew.

The Bulldogs turned the ball back over to Pleasant Home only one play later when a tipped pass was intercepted by

the Eagles' Jerod Powell, but the Dog defense got the ball back on a Cole Meeks interception to put the Kinston offense back to work.

Kinston again failed to hold onto the ball as the battle of interceptions continued when Pleasant Home's Scotty McCraney picked off a Bulldog pass. This time the Eagles did hold onto the ball, and hit paydirt when Brad Sanders lofted a 52-yard touchdown pass to Isaac Edgar. Casey Boyington added the extra-point and midway through the second quarter Pleasant Home was in command with a 14-0 advantage.

Keith Tew fielded the ensuing kick off near the 10-yardline and found a wall of Bulldog blockers ahead of him as he broke through a hole down the right sidelines and raced 90 yards for a touchdown. Cole Meek's kicked the extra-point and Kinston had cut the Eagle lead in half at 14-7.

Pleasant Home ate up the final five minutes of the half as the Eagles used 16 plays to cover 64 yards and moved deep into Bulldog territory. Matt Odom came through with a crucial sack to prevent a score from inside the 1-yardline, and at the half the Bulldogs went in still trailing 14-7.

Kinston received the second half kick off and moved across midfield on a succession of rushes by Garrett Parker, only to see the drive stopped on a fumble.

Pleasant Home failed to move the chains on its initial possession of the half as Kinston's Joseph McCrummen had a key sack and Billy Johnson and Jonathan Edwards both upped away Eagle aeriels.

The Bulldogs regained possession inside their own 30-yardline, and after long receptions by Cole Meeks and Josh Grice placed the football outside the Pleasant Home 10-yardline. An apparent touchdown run by Garrett Parker was nullified by a holding penalty, and on the next play the Bulldogs turned the ball over again on a fumble to kill the potential scoring march.

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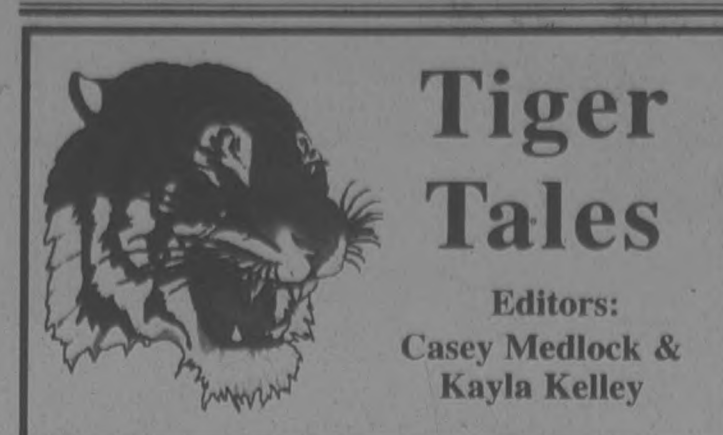


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Tiger Tales

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EES collecting box tops for education

by Casey Medlock

Collecting Box Tops is an easy, effective way to raise money for the school.

This year, Elba Elementary School's goal is to raise \$3,000 to purchase playground equipment for the school.

All anyone has to do to help is clip Box Tops from any of the hundreds of participating General Mills products, and the box tops are worth 10 cents each when the school redeems them from General Mills.

If everyone helps, EES can earn more cash for the school than ever before.

Participants may drop the Box Tops off at the school, mail them to the school, or give them to a child to bring to school. Progress of the project can be checked on throughout the year by visiting boxtops4education.com.

Remember...tell friends and family near and far to clip Box Tops too, and help Elba Elementary reach its goal. Please join in making a difference for the school.

EHS Student Spotlight

by Stephanie Corder

This week's student spotlight is Stephanie Baxley, the 16-year-old daughter of Danny and Laura Baxley.

Stephanie is a junior at Elba High School where she plays varsity softball and is an EHS Ambassador. She also is the mellophone section leader for the EHS Marching Tiger Band.

Stephanie enjoys playing softball and just hanging with her friends and family. She describes herself as a daring, outgoing person. She also considers herself as a people person.

Congratulations, Stephanie.



Stephanie Baxley

for being this week's student spotlight!

Did You Know?...Some interesting facts

by Elizabeth Weeks

It is apparent that there is a great deal of experience among the teachers at Elba High School, but just how many years total do our teachers have?

I found out that there is 453 years of experience between all the teachers at EHS. The average amount of years spent teaching is 16.

I also discovered that the

female educators have the males outnumbered in years by 197.

Mrs. Ingrid Clark and Mrs. Margaret Calhoun are tied with having 33 years. However, Mrs. Rhoades gets first place for the most time spent teaching with nearly 35 years.

We should appreciate all our teachers for putting so much time into our education.

Thanks to all the teachers for your dedication and hard work.

Elba High School chooses class officers... by Gale Olson



FRESHMEN CLASS OFFICERS are (from left to right) Cordell Hooks, vice president; Guccio Hudson, president; and Justin Hammonds, secretary.



SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS are (from left to right) Whitley Kilcrease, treasurer; Katie Cash, president; Shai Yelverton, vice president; and Sydney Brunson, secretary.



JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS are (from left to right) Shawnda Whitfield, secretary; Gale Olson, president; Whitney Anderson, vice president; and Judson Vaughan, treasurer.



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS are (from left to right) Jessica Merklin, treasurer; Rebecca English, president; Mallory Allen, vice president; and Cameron Irwin, secretary.

Welcome Buddies help others at Elba Elementary School

This year at Elba City Schools, there have been many new faculty members as well as students.

This is the second year the elementary has had a committee to help, guide and show the new students around the school. When a person is selected to be

a "Welcome Buddy" it is quite an honor. They are selected because of their outgoing personalities, knowledge of school policies and procedures, and outstanding behavior.

There are many duties and responsibilities a "Welcome Buddy" must fulfill.

When a new student enrolls at EES, a "Welcome Buddy" will be called to come to the office to meet the new student. They smile and greet the new student and do whatever is necessary for the new student to be comfortable.

Thus, begins the tour of the school to such places as the library, nurse's office, gym, pencil store, office, and their classroom.

When the tour is completed, the "student-in-charge" will bring back to Mrs. Baker's office. After that, the "Welcome Buddy" must help the teacher get textbooks and the other supplies needed for the class. They must also help the new student learn the procedures and policies of the classroom.

The "Welcome Buddies" program is very exciting and helpful, and to all our "Welcome Buddies" keep up the good work!



2004-05 Elba Elementary Welcome Buddies

E.E.S. Menu

Sept. 20-24, 2004

BREAKFAST
Monday - Cinnamon Bun, Cheese, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Waffles/Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Scrambled Eggs, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH
Monday - Hot Dog, Potato Rounds, California Vegetables, Cookie, Milk
Tuesday - Fried Chicken, Rice, English Peas, Roll, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Wednesday - Pizza, Corn on Cob, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Applesauce, Milk
Thursday - Vegetable Beef Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Friday - Chicken Sandwich, Butterbeans, Corn, Fruit Cocktail, Milk

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Co-Op Spotlight

by Duke Carr



Brittany Hudson

This week's Co-Op Spotlight belongs to **Brittany Hudson**, a Junior at Elba High School.

Brittany is the 16-year-old daughter of Tabatha Hudson. She is involved in several clubs such as Spanish Club, VICA, and Mu Alpha Theta.

Brittany is currently employed at Southeast Pharmaceuticals where she is a receptionist and helps ship and pull in their medicine.

When asked what she liked about her job, Brittany replied, "George Taylor."

After high school, Brittany plans to attend Troy State University.

She describes herself as being outgoing, very energetic and friendly, however we classify her as this week's co-op spotlight!

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E.E.S. welcomes new faculty member

by Tori Brooks



Leigh Davis

Leigh Davis is one of the new faculty members at Elba Elementary School. She came from Troy, Ala.

This is Ms. Davis' first year as a first grade teacher. She was a student teacher at Elba and also a substitute teacher for Mrs. Palmer last year for grades fourth through sixth.

Davis teaches everything from phonics and math to language and reading, and she said her favorite part of teaching elementary students is seeing the expression on their faces when they grasp subjects.

Ms. Davis said Elba is much smaller than Troy, but everyone is friendly, especially the children.

She said loves to see how

excited the children become when they learn new things and she likes teaching young students.

It seems Ms. Davis is making a wonderful addition to the EES faculty.

New hunter education cards available for purchase

by Duke Carr

This is the time of year when Hunter Education Cards can be purchased. A card can be obtained by enrolling in one of the many Hunter Education Courses offered.

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New Brockton High School News

Sponsor: Lori Cotney



NBHS Senior Football Players, Trainers, & Cheerleaders... (Back Row L-R) Drew Donaldson, Doug Salter, Chris Miranda, Matthew Everhart, Whitney Rachel, Wesley McCormick; (Front Row L-R) Sheri Eaton, Yameka Hall, Lori Wade, Wesley Tatem, Tanner Medley, Allen Herrington, Maressa Loman.



NBHS Senior Band Members... (Back Row L-R) Jenna Howell, Amber Adams, Shawn Brown, Amy Rogers, Whitney Reid; (Front Row L-R) Freda Kelley and Ashley Williams.



Maressa Loman and Yameka Hall, two volleyball seniors, take a break from practice to pose for a picture.

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Football players line up for introduction at the NBHS first pep rally



FFA members display information at the recent NBHS Club Fair, where students were encouraged to join. (Back Row L-R) David Anderson, John Sawyer; (Front Row L-R) Drew Donaldson, Chelsea Wood and Whitney Donaldson.



Juniors Hilary Mock and Blake Drewery participate in the Junior Class Ring Ceremony.



Cheerleaders put on a show for their first pep rally



Senior Yearbook Staff members that traveled to LBW for a Yearbook Workshop included (L-R) Wesley Tatem, Dawn Jenkins, Sonya Hornsby, Lori Wade and Donnell Foster.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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of Elba.

* Finally, the bid for cleaning of the Enterprise Courthouse was awarded to Creek Services Inc.

Commissioners also voted to table bid awardings for paper products, personal hygiene items and food service supplies until the next meeting.

County administrator Wilson Mobley informed commissioners that a senior aide slot used by HRDC currently is not being used in Coffee County. Since the senior aide slots are allocated for the county, Mobley said commissioners could choose to leave it alone, ask HRDC to return that slot for use in Coffee County or take the slot back and use at the county's discretion.

Commissioner chairman Robert Stephens said HRDC officials had asked to be given time to restore the slot and return its use to Coffee County.

Therefore, commissioner Ernest Brooks offered a motion with a second from Stephens to give HRDC a chance to restore the slot to be used in Coffee County. If not, the county will take the spot back to use at its discretion.

The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

In other matters, the commission:

- * Approved the solid waste management plan.
- * Approved senior citizen center policy renewals.

Upon the recommendation of county engineer Randy Tindell, renewed a contract with Donnell Trucking for another year.

Upon the recommendation of Tindell, awarded the striping bid to Ozark Striping.

Upon the recommendation of Tindell, approved a motion to purchase approximately 25 acres of land on County Road 345 from Roland Powell for \$25,000. The land will be used for the purpose of a clay pit.



Herby McCall, left, begins stacking sand bags filled by City of Elba employees Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 14, in preparation of Hurricane Ivan's visit to the local area later in the week. The city employees spent a majority of the day Tuesday making preparations for the storm and any potential damage it might leave behind.



City employee Ralph Crocker watches while a co-worker replenishes the machine employees used in filling sand bags Tuesday afternoon. City officials began working early Tuesday morning to prepare the city for Hurricane Ivan.



Elba City employees do last minute adjustments on the massive mobile generator that operates the pumps which dump collected rainwater over the levee when the waters from the rising Pea River have shut off the flap gates on the drain pipes through the levee. This generator is designed to operate the pumps if regular electric power has been disrupted. It was placed on the levee Tuesday in anticipation of being needed before Hurricane Ivan has left the Elba area.

Antique and Collector Car Show scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 2, at Dothan's Landmark Park

Antique and collector cars, trucks and motorcycles from all across the Wiregrass Region and beyond will roll into Dothan, Alabama on Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004 for the 22nd Annual Antique and Collector Car Show. The event is the largest car show in the region and will be held at Dothan's 100-acre Landmark Park.

Over 150 vehicles are expected to be on display in 45 different classes. The 45 classes include A-Models; antique and modified Mustangs, Corvettes, Chevrolets, Camaros and Firebirds; Street Rods; Muscle Cars; antique motorcycles and scooters; foreign cars; Late Great Chevys; Mini-Trucks and more. "Tuner" vehicles will be this year's featured vehicles and will be showcased around the park's Victorian-styled gazebo.

"Tuners" are vehicles that have been highly accessorized with TV's, sound systems, and other technology or electronics not normally found in automobiles.

Awards will be given in each class, for the club with the most participation, and for the oldest vehicle registered.

The car show is hosted by the Wiregrass Antique and Collector Car Club and all proceeds will benefit Landmark Park, a not-for-profit organization. Visitors can view the cars from 10:00am until 4:00pm.

"The Wiregrass Antique and Collector Car Club does a tremendous job putting on this show each year," stated William Holman, Executive Director of Landmark Park. "Through their dedicated efforts, the club has generated nearly \$100,000 for the park over the last 22 years. That's quite an achievement for a club their size," he stated.

The pre-registration fee to enter a vehicle in the show is \$12.00 per car until September 27. After that date, the fee is \$15.00 per car. Vendor booths must be reserved prior to the show. Vehicles can be registered the day of the show from 8:00

until 11:30am. To receive a registration form, please contact the park office at 334-794-3452.

Landmark Park is located on U.S. Highway 431, three miles north of Dothan, Ross Clark Circle. Concessions will be available. For more information call the park at 334-794-3452 or visit the park's website at www.landmarkpark.com.

Fall book sale to be held at Enterprise Public Library

Friends of the Enterprise Public Library will hold its fall book sale Thursday, Sept. 30, 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the library. Members of the association are invited to a "Friends Only Pre-Sale Night" on Wed., Sept. 29, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the library. Fiction, nonfiction, children and young adult books will be for sale, as well as CD's, videos and audio cassettes.

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Hurricane Ivan delivers destructive path across state and county

Coffee County damages exceed an estimated \$1 million

by Linda Hodge, Editor

After days of anticipation, Hurricane Ivan made its way through Alabama last Thursday, Sept. 17, leaving a very noticeable path of destruction.

The local area escaped the worst of the storm; however, damages of more than \$1 million were realized in Coffee County.

According to Coffee County Emergency Management Agency director John Tallas, the county experienced approximately \$1,028,430 in damages to public buildings and infrastructure including utilities, roads, bridges, etc.

Tallas said personal property damages also were experienced, but those will be handled by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) on an individual basis under the category of individual assistance. He said anyone that had personal property damaged as a result of Hurricane Ivan should call FEMA at (800) 621-3362; however, he said citizens should be prepared to wait as the agency is extremely busy with teams working from the most seriously damaged counties to the least damaged.

Tallas said the damage in Coffee County was primarily limited to debris, power outages and loss of food from refrigerators and freezers for those who did not have generators.

"I think we all should agree we were blessed," Tallas said. He said there were some homes that received more damage than others with trees falling on them, but the majority of the county's residents escaped without major damage.

Hurricane Ivan, a category four hurricane, made landfall at Gulf Shores, Ala., around 1:30 a.m. last Thursday morning and spent the majority of the day making its way through the state. The storm was so big and strong, it spent nearly 12 hours over land before it was down-sized to a tropical storm.

Although the worst weather for Coffee County was experienced during the early hours of Thursday morning, rain and



The home of Doug Holderfield, located on Highland Drive in Elba, received extensive damages as Hurricane Ivan's winds knocked a tree over on the house.

wind gusts remained throughout the day. As the storm made its way through the area, many trees and power lines were knocked down by high winds causing county roads to be closed until debris could be moved.

Also, many county residents experienced power outages; however, Tallas said the county was in pretty good shape in regards to electrical power by Tuesday afternoon of this week.

On Tuesday, he said 95-97 percent of power had been restored countywide. He said South Alabama Electric Cooperative still had a few customers without power in the northern part of the county Tuesday morning. Also, he said there were some isolated issues within the county where electrical crews were working with individual issues.

As of Tuesday, the American

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This huge oak tree was completely uprooted by Hurricane Ivan's winds last Thursday. The tree landed on top of a house located on County Road 418. According to local residents, the homeowner was not at home when the tree fell; however, a neighbor who lives in a mobile home was staying in the house during the storm for safety purposes. Fortunately, no one was injured.

Elba board of education approves Fiscal Year 2005 capital plan

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board September meeting included hiring a Special Education Aide, approving the fiscal year 2005 Capital Plan, paying the bills and routine announcements.

Kevin Kelley was approved as the Special Ed aide. The Capital Plan for the next

two years includes Roofing repairs at the high school; erosion prevention on the entire campus; gym floor improvements at the high school; computer upgrades at both schools; replace some carpet in elementary school; repair high school auditorium roof leaks; and the additional paved parking lot at the high school.

Superintendent Danny Weeks told board members that the much harder graduation exam results this year are much better than last year. Ninth grade students improved from a 61 percent passing grade to a 90 percent rate with three more years of high school left.

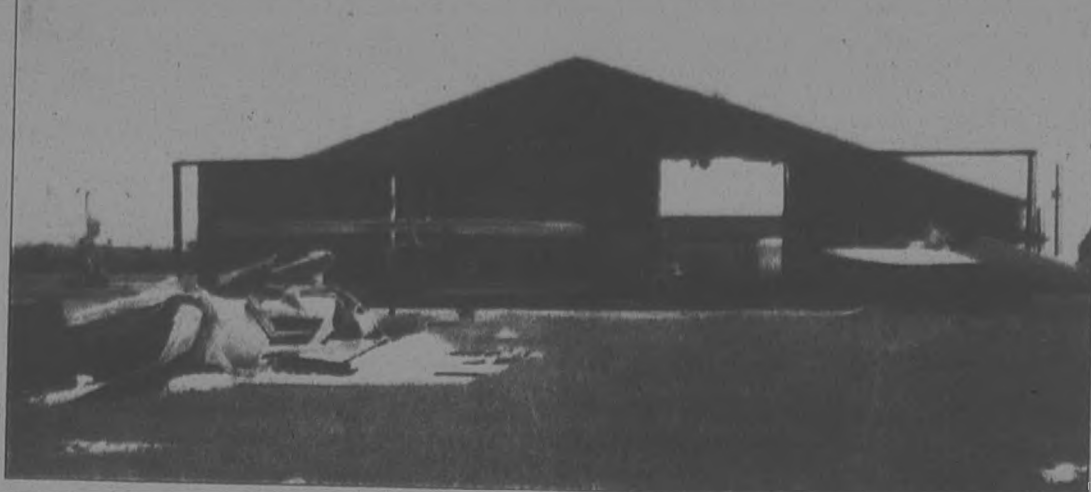
Tenth grade students passing the test increased in every category, which include reading, language, science, math and social studies.

The Elba School system has again achieved SACS Accreditation, board members heard.

The Business/Marketing program at Elba High School achieved Business/Industry certification. Weeks said this is an excellent program, largely due to the efforts of Mrs. Ingrid Clark and Mrs. Martha Crawford.

The general fund bank balance should end the fiscal year October 1st with the two month operating balance strongly demanded by the state department of education. Weeks told board members this is necessary for several reasons, including the fact payrolls must be paid on preset dates and the state education funds are rarely received until later than that. Also, the local school boards must be prepared for the reoccurring proration of the state budgets.

The American Red Cross operated a shelter at the Elba Elementary School for citizens seeking shelter during the bad weather brought to the area by Hurricane Ivan last Thursday, Sept. 16. The shelter opened Wednesday evening. According to reports, 105 people sought shelter at the school during the storm. There were also 20 volunteers on site. The shelter closed at 4 p.m. Thursday afternoon. Volunteer Paul Morrow is shown assisting evacuees.



This hanger occupied by Wing Nuts, Inc. at the airport in Elba received massive damage as Hurricane Ivan wreaked havoc on the area last Thursday, Sept. 16. The back side of the hanger blew through the front and a majority of the roof is gone. Everything stored inside the hanger was scattered with the two planes shown above also being blown outside. Like many other places throughout the county, business owner Mike Haynes began the clean up process on Friday.

Elba mayor proud of employees' response to hurricane

by Linda Hodge, Editor

City of Elba officials spent lots of time early last week planning and preparing for Hurricane Ivan's eventual visit, and when all was said and done, the city was ready for the task at hand.

"Our employees responded great during and after the storm," Elba Mayor James Grimes said. "It was a total team

effort with everyone working together, and the planning we did prior to the storm helped prepare us for the destruction."

Grimes said he was extremely proud of the city's employees. He said they worked long and hard to get things back in order from clearing debris from roadways to restoring power.

Grimes said many of the employees worked 15-16 hours a day for several days while some electrical and water department employees worked almost 24 hours from Wednesday night until Thursday night.

As of Tuesday, the mayor said the city's electric department had restored power to 100 percent of the city.

"We still have a lot of debris removal ahead of us," Grimes said. "Our employees are using three vehicles trying to move the debris as quickly as possible, and we ask the citizens to be

patient during this process."

Other than being fortunate to not receive the worst of Hurricane Ivan's destructive path, Grimes said Elba was also very fortunate not to get more rain than it did. Throughout the storm, he said the City of Elba received almost six inches of rain.

On Friday, Sept. 24 (tomorrow), the Elba Chamber of Commerce will host an appreciation lunch for city employees at the Elba Fire Department from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Grimes said several business leaders discussed this with the chamber and felt it important to show the employees how much the people of Elba appreciate everything they did to get things back to normal following Ivan's destructive visit.

The mayor and chamber officials encourage everyone to stop by and say thanks to the employees.

Elba City Council approves bid for resurfacing of several streets

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council business for September 13th was conducted in a businesslike manner and without dispute.

Chief R. W. Whitworth reported that a recent audit of the grant funds used to purchase generators for the communication system found no problems, as the funds were used exactly as allocated. He added that they have just replaced the police radio system which was burned up by a lightning strike.

The department is moving forward with a grant application for \$15,000 to purchase three to four additional video cameras for patrol cars, Whitworth added.

Mayor James Grimes reported that FEMA was questioning the installation of bathrooms on where the new ball fields were planned. Grimes recommended that the project application be withdrawn until a complete review of the available recreation facilities is completed. He

then wants to hold a council workshop with the recreation director to set the long range plans for the department.

The council approved a resolution allowing the mayor and city clerk to sign papers requesting a \$450,000 downtown revitalization grant.

Bids for resurfacing several city streets were reviewed and the low bid of \$86,474.27 by APAC was accepted. The only other bidder was Wiregrass Construction Co.

Monthly bills of \$99,542.17 were approved for payment.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported that city departments had made all the preparations possible in anticipation of Hurricane Ivan.

Councilman Ronnie Hammond asked that the street department check some storm drainage problems in Mulberry Heights.

The city council set a workshop for September 20th to go over early drafts of the 2005 budget. An organizational meeting of the new city council was scheduled for September 21st.

NOTICE

Several members of the Elba National Guard unit were activated following Hurricane Ivan's destruction throughout Alabama.

According to unit leaders, more than 30 members of the unit have been deployed to various counties in the western part of the state, which received the most damage from Hurricane Ivan.

The guardians are setting up distribution points by hauling food, water and ice.

Area Happenings

THE 2004 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON continues Friday, Sept. 24, with the Elba Tigers facing the Laverne Tigers. Also, New Brockton will travel to Pleasant Home, Kinston will host Sanson, Zion Chapel will host St. Jude and Brantley will travel to Highland Home.

ZION CHAPEL PTO will meet Thursday, Sept. 23, at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL HOMEcoming PARADE will be October 8, at 3:00 p.m. - to submit entries please contact Elba High School @ 897-2266.

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8:00 p.m. (approximately)
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- Bobby Moore & the Rhythm Aces
- Free soft drinks and \$1 beer outside

Plasma TV drawings

8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Friday, September 17

9:00 p.m. (approximately)
Free outdoor concert

- Denise LaSalle "Queen of the Blues"
- Free soft drinks and \$1 beer outside

Plasma TV drawings

8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Midnight - 1:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.

Saturday, September 18

11:30 a.m.
20th Anniversary TeeShirt Giveaway

(free while they last to all patrons)

- Free matinee and evening racing programs

Noon and throughout the afternoon

- Clubhouse barbecue plate special

1:30 p.m.
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Saturday evening

- Prime Rib Dinner for two for \$20

9:00 p.m.
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- The Tams (starts around 9:00 p.m.)
- 7th Wonder Band (starts around 11:00 p.m.)
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